Citizenship

Understanding Dual Citizenship, the Benefits, and the Process

Dual citizenship can give you more control and independence, whether that means added freedom to fly to more countries, live in other jurisdictions or the freedom to choose the lifestyle that you wish.

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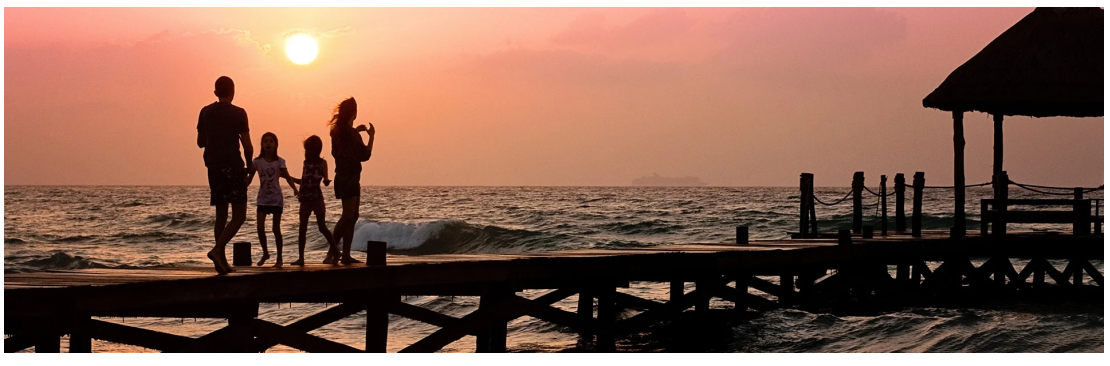
What is Dual Citizenship?

Simply put, **dual citizenship** means being a citizen of two countries simultaneously. A person is a dual citizen when he lives in one country but is also a citizen of another.

Before making such a decision, you need to know all about the countries that allow dual citizenship and those that do not. Relinquishing your original passport is not ideal. However, trading one passport for a more powerful one is not necessarily bad.

Some countries still strictly forbid acquiring a **second passport.** However, in recent years several countries have fostered a more favourable attitude towards allowing their citizens to hold Dual Citizenship, either through recognising Dual/Multiple Citizenship or amending their requirements for naturalisation.



The Benefits of Dual Citizenship

1. **Global Mobility** - Some passports do not allow you the luxury of travelling to any destination and can be pretty restrictive. Restrictive passports make travelling a complex matter as travel visas must be obtained. A second passport can solve that problem by increasing one's mobility and removing the bureaucracy from the equation.

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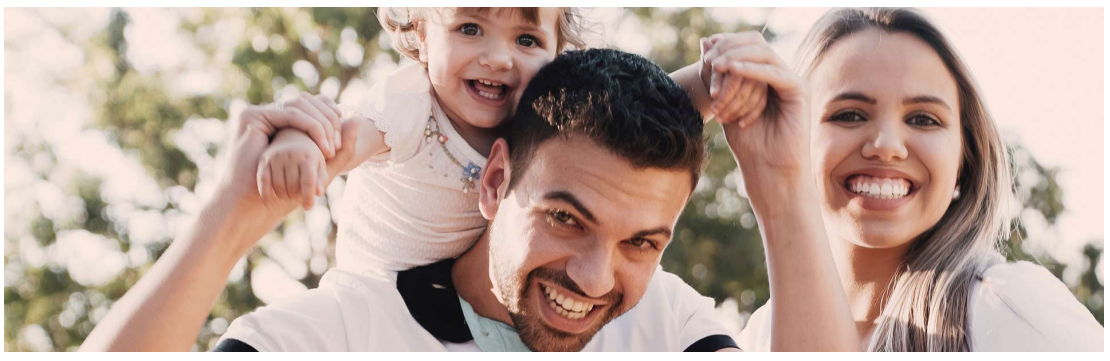
country.

3. **Property Ownership** - Following local laws and regulations, dual citizenship makes property ownership possible.
4. **Business** - Acquiring second citizenship opens the doors to many business opportunities and concludes business deals that were otherwise unavailable or hard to come by based on the original passport.
5. **Security** - Obtaining a second passport from a stable country puts your mind at rest. In the event of any social, political or economic instability in one's own country, you maintain a plan B.
6. **Cultural Immersion** - Being a citizen of another country is an opportunity to learn about another culture, tradition, and way of life.
7. **Quality of Life** -By obtaining dual citizenship, you can access world-class education and health care and an overall enhanced lifestyle.

High net worth families, in particular, gain several benefits through dual citizenship. By obtaining Dual Citizenship status, these families have the means to unlock their full potential by accessing better opportunities in another country. These opportunities include securing the family's future through education, health care or simply a better lifestyle.



The Processes of Obtaining Dual Citizenship

The process of obtaining dual citizenship varies from one country to the other. It is essential to look into the laws and regulations of the countries where you want to obtain dual citizenship. The following are just some of the processes:

Birth

An individual can be a non-resident but still gain citizenship if their parents were born in that country. You might claim dual citizenship if you were born in certain countries. For instance, if you were born in the United States to parents from another country, you may be eligible for dual citizenship.

Naturalisation

An individual can acquire citizenship for a certain number of years as a permanent resident. For example, permanent residents of Canada must reside in Canada for four out of six years to be eligible to apply for citizenship. However, individuals with temporary status must gain permanent residency to start counting their years as residents toward the citizenship requirement.

Marriage

Some countries grant permanent resident status upon marriage with a citizen, which speeds up the time needed to become an official citizen.

Investment

Many countries now offer citizenship or residency by investment programmes to high-net-worth individuals. Citizenship by investment is acquiring second citizenship by investing in the host country's economy.

Countries that Allow Dual Citizenship

Many countries allow dual citizenship outright, while others allow it only in particular circumstances. Here is a comprehensive list of countries that allow dual citizenship.

Albania	Central African Republic	The Gambia	Latvia	Peru	Switz
Algeria	Chile	Germany*	Lebanon	Philippines	Syria
American Samoa	Colombia	Ghana	Lithuania	Poland	Taiwa
Angola	Comoros	Greece	Luxembourg	Portugal	Tajikis
Antigua & Barbuda	Republic of Congo (Brazzaville)	Grenada	Macau	Romania	Thaila
Argentina	Costa Rica	Guatemala	Macedonia	Russian Federation	Tibet
Australia	Ivory Coast	Guinea-Bissau	Mali	Saint Kitts & Nevis	Tonga
Armenia	Croatia	Haiti	Malta	Saint Lucia	Trinid Tobag
Australia	Cyprus	Honduras	Mauritius	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	Tunisi
Barbados	Czech Republic	Hong Kong	Mexico	Samoa	Turke
Belgium	Denmark	Hungary	Moldova*	Scotland	Ugan
Belize	Djibouti	Iceland	Morocco	Serbia	Unite Kingd
Benin	Dominica	Iraq	Namibia	Seychelles	Unite State
Bolivia	Dominican Republic	Ireland	Nauru	Sierra Leone	Urugu
Bosnia & Herzegovina	East Timor	Israel	New Zealand	Slovenia	Vatica City

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Burkina Faso	El Salvador	Jordan	Nigeria	South Sudan	British Virgin Islanc
Burundi	Equatorial Guinea	Kenya	Pakistan	Spain	Yeme
Cambodia	Fiji	South Korea	Panama	Sri Lanka	Zamb
Canada	Finland	Kosovo	Papua New Guinea	Sudan	Zimb
Cape Verde	France	Kyrgyzstan	Paraguay	Sweden	

Countries that Don't Allow Dual Citizenship

Afghanistan	Iran	Maldives	San Marino
Andorra	Japan	Marshall Islands	Sao Tome and Principe
Austria	Kazakhstan	Mauritania	Saudi Arabia
Azerbaijan	Kiribati	Micronesia	Singapore
Bahrain	North Korea	Monaco	Slovakia
China	Kuwait	Mongolia	Suriname
Djibouti	Laos	Mozambique	Swaziland
Eritrea	Lesotho	Myanmar, Burma	Tanzania
Estonia	Liberia	Nepal	Togo
Ethiopia	Lybia	Netherlands	Ukraine
Georgia	Liechtenstein	Norway	United Arab Emirates
Guinea	Malaysia	Oman	Uzbekistan
Guyana	Montenegro	Palau	Vanuatu
India	Madagascar	Qatar	
Indonesia	Malawi	Rwanda	

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